

Commission on Forensic Science Standards and Certifications Advisory Committee (SAC) MINUTES

September 14, 2015 10-12:00 p.m. 200 S. Adams Street Wilmington DE

Voting Committee Members

Clytrice Watson Interim Dean, Delaware State University

Johna Esposito Toxicology, DFS

Lisa Schwind Unit Head Forensic Service

1. Welcome, Call to Order-Dr. Clytrice Watson

2. Approval of June 22, 2015 Minutes

Minutes were discussed. Approved

3. Review of DFS accreditation decision.

ASCLD/LAB was selected. Mrs. Schwind provided some insight to the commission discussion.

4. Next phase of SAC committee

- SACs lost one committee member, Patricia Monaghan. The committee discussed potential replacements as Paul Gilbert (DNA unit), Jamie Armstrong (DNA Unit), and David Mangler. Dr. Watson will reach out to these individuals to explore their interest in serving on the committee as voting members.
- Continuing Accreditation, training and continued education opportunities for DFS staff is critical for complete transformation of DFS. This will also attract a better pool of applicants for future positions, provide exposure of staff on a nation level and lead to collaborative relationships, i.e. attending conferences and trainings outside of Delaware.
- Professional development should be required to keep staff abreast of current and new technologies and court room testimony. Perhaps include more webinars for staff training.
- Outreach: DFS should highlight the things that are currently being done.
 - o Current staff making local presentations and attending training
 - o Post presentation and educational activities that DSF staff participate
 - o Update the Website to include a "commonly asked questions" page.

- Dr. Gary Collins is participating in the Dean's Distinguished Lecturers Series at Delaware State University.
 Adjourned: 11:10 am